



# Derby/Oaks Update

Sunday, April 21, 2019

## MOTHER NATURE ONCE AGAIN AFFECTS DERBY, OAKS TRAINING

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, April 21, 2019)** – While the rain moved out of the Louisville area around 6 p.m. Saturday evening, a dense fog rose on Churchill Downs early Easter Sunday morning and made many trainers, once again, alter their work pattern for the Derby and Oaks contenders.

The fog did not change the work pattern for UAE Derby (GII) hero **Plus Que Parfait**, who breezed a half-mile under trainer **Brendan Walsh**'s assistant and exercise rider **Tom Malloy**. The work did not receive an official time due to the fog hindering the view of the clockers.

Louisiana Derby (GII) hero **By My Standards**, Wood Memorial (GII) winner **Tacitus**, and Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) victor **Street Band** are all scheduled to breeze Monday.

The National Weather Service calls for temperatures in the low 50s and clear skies Monday morning for training with highs progressing into the 70s.

Monday will begin the Kentucky Derby works show featuring one hour of coverage beginning at 7 a.m. EDT and will include coverage of the exclusive training window for Derby and Oaks from 7:30-7:45 a.m., along with expert commentary.

The works show will be available on various social media platforms including the Kentucky Derby Facebook, Twitter (@KentuckyDerby) and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/kentuckyderby](http://www.youtube.com/kentuckyderby)) channel as well as [www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com).

**BY MY STANDARDS** – Chester Thomas' Allied Racing Stable's Louisiana Derby (Grade II) winner **By My Standards** galloped about 1 ½ miles at 7:30 a.m. Sunday with exercise rider **Simon Camacho** aboard.

"I keep changing it up but the plan is to work him Monday," trainer **Bret Calhoun** said. "I was trying to dodge the weather to get a fast track. Then, I had planned on flying to Ocala for the OBS Sale and my flight plans got altered. Now, we'll be able to plan on working Monday."

Jockey **Gabriel Saez** is likely to breeze By My Standards.

**COUNTRY HOUSE/TACITUS** – Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott**'s duo of Arkansas Derby third-place finisher **Country House** and Wood Memorial winner **Tacitus** both galloped about 1 ½ miles Sunday morning during the Derby and Oaks training session.

"I think we've got two legitimate horses for the Kentucky Derby," Mott said. "I think both of these horses can get the 10 furlongs with their breeding which knocks out a lot of questions for many horses that enter the Derby. It's easier to find a 10-furlong turf horse than it is a dirt one. You really never know if a horse can get the 1 ¼ until you try it."

**Tacitus**, one of the likely top considerations for the Kentucky Derby following his troubled trip in the Wood Memorial, is scheduled to breeze at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

"He's a lightly-raced horse but has been perfect since the beginning of the year," Mott said. "He ran a very good race in the Tampa Bay Derby and a very good race in the Wood Memorial."

Mott's other Derby hope, **Country House**, only has one victory in six starts but the consistent son of **Lookin at Lucky** has banked \$260,165.

"Country House is more of an underdog and hasn't really accomplished as much yet as **Tacitus**," Mott said. "He keeps knocking at the door and running at the end. He's the type of horse that would benefit from a fast pace in the Derby and hopefully that's the case and he can pick up the pieces."

Mott has not confirmed a rider for **Country House**.

**IMPROBABLE** – With the weather and track conditions improving, **WinStar Farm**, **China Horse Club** and **Starlight Racing's Improbable** went out for a gallop under exercise rider **Jose Contreras** when the track reopened following a harrow break.

"We galloped today, a mile and a half, he went very nice," said **Jimmy Barnes**, assistant trainer to **Bob Baffert**. "The track was in excellent shape – we had a lot of rain yesterday. We're just waiting for Bob to give us further instructions."

Improbable, the Arkansas Derby and Rebel runner-up, is expected to breeze at some point this week.

**LONG RANGE TODDY** – Rebel (GII) winner **Long Range Toddy** had a light 1 ½-mile gallop Sunday at 7:30 a.m. for Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**.

Long Range Toddy is stabled in Barn 38.

**OMAHA BEACH** – It was a busy morning at Barn 28 for Hall of Fame trainer **Richard Mandella** as his Derby hope **Omaha Beach** returned to the track, but before he did, he was fitted with new shoes from his blacksmith, **Ben Craft**, who flew into Louisville from Southern California.

"He cracked his quarter when he broke his maiden at Santa Anita at least two months ago (Feb. 2)," Mandella said. "That's like breaking your finger nail except that's like breaking your fingernail high on your cuticle. In horses, that's in the coronet band. So, it takes several months to grow down. We patched that and, since then, he's won the Rebel and Arkansas Derby. It's now a little over two months old and was due to be replaced today. So, I brought in my blacksmith, Ben Craft, from California and to reset it today and put new shoes on. Now, we're ready to go."

**Omaha Beach** galloped about 1 3/8 miles with exercise rider **Taylor Cambra** aboard at 9:40 a.m.

"I'm a little excited, nervous, you name it," Mandella said. "I'm just glad to be here in Louisville."

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**PLUS QUE PARFAIT** – UAE Derby (GII) winner **Plus Que Parfait** worked a half-mile Sunday at 7:30 a.m. for locally-based trainer **Brendan Walsh**. However, the work did not receive an official time due to the fog hindering the view of the Churchill Downs clockers.

“It was a shame about the fog,” Walsh said. “I had one of my assistants on the phone at the half-mile pole to warn me on the frontside and I had him in :49.40. It was exactly what I wanted.”

Plus Que Parfait is stabled in Barn 9.

**ALSO ELIGIBLES** – Currently on the outside looking in at No. 22 on the Kentucky Derby preference list, **Signalman** was reported to be in “great shape” Sunday morning from trainer **Kenny McPeck**’s assistant **Greg Geier** following his five-furlong breeze in :59.60 Saturday. The colt had a scheduled walk day. ... **Peter Redekop B.C. Ltd.**’s Kentucky-bred colt, **Another twistafate**, trained by **Blaine Wright**, was on the track Sunday morning with exercise rider **Jose Silva**. The colt emerged in good shape after finishing second to upset winner **Owendale** in the Lexington (GIII) at Keeneland on April 13. “He was out for just a gallop,” said exercise rider Silva afterwards. “The track was a little wet, but not too much.” ... **Silverton Hill LLC**’s **Sueno**, who finished third in the Lexington in his last start, was out on the track with exercise rider **Juan Diaz**. “He had a nice, easy gallop after walking a couple of days,” said **Julie Clark**, assistant to trainer **Keith Desormeaux**. “He’s a real calm, quiet horse, but he seemed a little lively today.” Sueno ranks 24th on the Derby points leaderboard, so he’s on the outside looking in, and would need four scratches to make the field of 20. “It’s a little challenging, and we’d sure like to get there for the owners,” Clark said. “We sure don’t wish anyone ill will, but we’ll see how the chips fall.”

**SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY** – Likely starters in the 145<sup>th</sup> running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) to be run for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 4: **By My Standards** (jockey Gabriel Saez), **Code of Honor** (John Velazquez), **Country House** (undecided), **Cutting Humor** (undecided), **Game Winner** (Joel Rosario), **Gray Magician** (undecided), **Haikal** (Rajiv Maragh), **Improbable** (Irad Ortiz Jr.), **Long Range Toddy** (Jon Court), **Master Fencer (JPN)** (Julien Leparoux), **Maximum Security** (Luis Saez), **Omaha Beach** (Mike Smith), **Plus Que Parfait** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Roadster** (Florent Geroux), **Spinoff** (Manny Franco), **Tacitus** (Jose Ortiz), **Tax** (Junior Alvarado), **Vekoma** (Javier Castellano), **War of Will** (Tyler Gaffalione), **Win Win Win** (Justin Pimentel).

Next up in order of preference: **Bodexpress** (undecided), **Signalman** (Brian Hernandez Jr.), **Another twistafate** (undecided) and **Sueno** (undecided).

## ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Tacitus	Bill Mott	150
2	Omaha Beach	Richard Mandella	137.5
3	Vekoma	George Weaver	110
4	Plus Que Parfait	Brendan Walsh	104
5	Roadster	Bob Baffert	100
6	By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	100
7	Maximum Security	Jason Servis	100
8	Game Winner	Bob Baffert	85
9	Code of Honor	Shug McGaughey III	74
10	Haikal	Kieran McLaughlin	70
11	Improbable	Bob Baffert	65
12	War of Will	Mark Casse	60
13	Long Range Toddy	Steve Asmussen	53.5
14	Tax	Danny Gargan	52
15	Cutting Humor	Todd Pletcher	50
16	Win Win Win	Mike Trombetta	50
17	Country House	Bill Mott	50
18	Gray Magician	Peter Miller	42
19	Spinoff	Todd Pletcher	40
20	Master Fencer (JPN)	Koichi Tsunoda	Japan
21	Bodexpress	Gustavo Delgado	40
22	Signalman	Kenny McPeck	38
23	Another twistafate	Blaine Wright	38
24	Sueno	Keith Desormeaux	32

### BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Another twistafate	Blaine Wright	31
By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	23
Country House	Bill Mott	19
Improbable	Bob Baffert	33
Long Range Toddy	Steve Asmussen	38
Omaha Beach	Richard Mandella	28
Plus Que Parfait	Brendan Walsh	9
Signalman	Kenny McPeck	7
Sueno	Keith Desormeaux	24
Tacitus	Bill Mott	19

### KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

**CHAMPANGE ANYONE** – Six Column Stables and Randy Bloch’s Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) winner **Champagne Anyone** had a scheduled walk day on Easter Sunday as trainer **Ian Wilkes** celebrated the holiday with his family and new grandson **Rory**.

Champagne Anyone is scheduled to breeze Monday with Wilkes’ son-in-law **Chris Landeros** up.

**LADY APPLE** – Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables’ Fantasy Stakes (GIII) winner **Lady Apple** breezed a half-mile Sunday for Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**.

“She looked good from the pony but we really couldn’t see much,” assistant trainer **Scott Blasi** said.

Lady Apple did not receive an official time due to the weather conditions.

**LIORA** – Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) runner-up **Liora** galloped about 1 ½ miles Sunday during the 7:30 a.m. exclusive training window.

Trainer **Wayne Catalano** was not at Churchill Downs Sunday but expects to return Monday.

**OUT FOR A SPIN** – **Commonwealth Stable**'s lightly-raced filly **Out for a Spin** galloped at 5:15 a.m. for locally-based horseman **Dallas Stewart**.

The filly by Hard Spun will attempt to give 59-year-old Stewart his first win in the Kentucky Oaks since winning the 1 1/8-mile race with **Lemons Forever** in 2006.

**RESTLESS RIDER** – Ashland (GI) runner-up **Restless Rider** had a scheduled walk day in **Kenny McPeck**'s Barn 7 at Churchill Downs following her five-furlong move in :59.80 Saturday.

"She's doing just fine," assistant **Greg Geier** said.

**SERENGETI EMPRESS** – When the track reopened after a harrow break for Derby and Oaks horses Sunday, **Joel Politi**'s filly was in the group, with exercise rider **Francisco Herrera**.

"She galloped a mile and a half, and she's going to do the same thing tomorrow," said trainer **Tom Amoss**. "Our plan, weather permitting, is to work Tuesday."

Amoss is still evaluating Serengeti Empress, who bled in her previous start, the Fair Grounds Oaks (GII), and whether she'll be entered in the Oaks.

**STREET BAND** – Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) upset-winner **Street Band** galloped about 1 ½ miles at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at Churchill Downs for trainer **Larry Jones**.

"She really likes doing her job and has been training well," assistant **Corey York** said. "She can be a bit quirky sometimes but she's maturing as she gets older."

Street Band is likely to work Monday at 7:30 a.m. with **Sophie Doyle** aboard, according to York.

## ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Bellafina	Simon Callaghan	132
2	Champagne Anyone	Ian Wilkes	113
3	Street Band	Larry Jones	105
4	Lady Apple	Steve Asmussen	100
5	Out for a Spin	Dallas Stewart	100
6	Liora	Wayne Catalano	71
7	Restless Rider	Kenny McPeck	62
8	Serengeti Empress	Tom Amoss	60
9	Motion Emotion	Tom Van Berg	60
10	Jaywalk	John Servis	55
11	Chocolate Kisses	Mark Casse	51
12	Jeltrin	Alexis Delgado	50
13	Positive Spirit	Rodolphe Brisset	50
14	Flor de la Mar	Bob Baffert	40
15	Cookie Dough	Stan Gold	40
16	Dunbar Road	Chad Brown	40

\$- Late Kentucky Oaks Nominee

## BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Champagne Anyone	Ian Wilkes	26
Lady Apple	Steve Asmussen	38
Liora	Wayne Catalano	30
Out for a Spin	Dallas Stewart	37
Restless Rider	Kenny McPeck	6
Serengeti Empress	Tom Amoss	29
Street Band	Larry Jones	28

### SHAPING UP: THE LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS –

Likely starters in the 145<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) to be run for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, May 3: **Bellafina** (jockey Flavien Prat), **Champagne Anyone** (Chris Landeros), **Chocolate Kisses** (undecided), **Flor de la Mar** (undecided), **Jaywalk** (undecided), **Jeltrin** (Luis Saez), **Lady Apple** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Liora** (Channing Hill), **Motion Emotion** (undecided), **Out for a Spin** (Irada Ortiz Jr.), **Positive Spirit** (undecided), **Restless Rider** (Brian Hernandez Jr.), **Serengeti Empress** (undecided), **Street Band** (Sophie Doyle).

Next up in order of preference: **Cookie Dough** (Jeffrey Sanchez) and **Dunbar Road** (undecided).

### EARLY LOOK AT POSSIBLE FIELDS FOR KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK STAKES

**\$125,000 WILLIAM WALKER** (Entries taken Wednesday, race Saturday, April 27) – Probable: **Bulletin** (trainer Todd Pletcher), **Jo Jo Air** (Wesley Ward), **Legends of War** (Doug O'Neill), **Moonlight Romance** (Wesley Ward), **Sovereign Impact** (Bill Denzik Jr.) and **Uncapped** (Brendan Walsh)

**\$115,000 CHAMPIONS DAY MARATHON** (Entries taken Thursday, race Tuesday, April 30) – Probable: **Krewe Chief** (Mike Maker) and **Pinson** (Randy Morse). Possible: **Monongahela** (Jason Servis).

**\$125,000 KENTUCKY JUVENILE** (Entries taken Friday, race Wednesday, May 1) – Probable: **Alcools** (Wayne Rice), **Alec and Arthur** (John Hancock), **Biddy Duke** (John Ennis), **Marva** (Wesley Ward) and **Two Dot** (Hancock).

**\$115,000 OPENING VERSE OVERNIGHT STAKES** (Entries taken Saturday, April 27, race Thursday May 2) – Probable: **All Right** (John Ortiz), **Ballagh Rocks** (Bill Mott), **Bond Street (IRE)** (Conor Murphy), **First Premio** (Mark Casse), **Parlor** (Eddie Kenneally) and **Real Story** (Ignacio Correas IV).

**\$125,000 UNBRIDLED SIDNEY** (Entries taken Saturday, April 27, race Thursday May 2) – Probable: **Luvn Bullies** (Mac Robertson), **Nootka Sound** (Wesley Ward) and **Pretty Greeley** (John Ortiz).

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**\$400,000 ALYSHEBA (GII)** (Entries taken Monday, April 29, race Friday, May 3) – Probable: **Bandua** (Jack Sisterson), **Bourbon Resolution** (Ian Wilkes), **Instilled Regard** (Chad Brown), **McKinzie** (Bob Baffert), **Pavel** (Doug O'Neill), **Prime Attraction** (Jim Cassidy), **Silver Dust** (Bret Calhoun) and **Tom's d'Etat** (Al Stall Jr.).

**\$500,000 LA TROIENNE (GI)** (Entries taken Monday, April 29, race Friday, May 3) – Probable: **Blue Prize (ARG)** (Ignacio Correas IV), **Divine Miss Grey** (Danny Gargan), **Heavenhasmynikki** (Bob Hess Jr.), **Mopotism** (Doug O'Neill), **Secret Spice** (Richard Baltas) and **She's a Julie** (Steve Asmussen).

**\$250,000 EDGEWOOD (GIII)** (Entries taken Monday, April 29, race Friday, May 3) – Probable: **Cambier Parc** (Chad Brown), **Concrete Rose** (Rusty Arnold II), **Newspaperofrecord (IRE)** (Chad Brown) and **Winter Sunset** (Wayne Catalano).

**\$250,000 EIGHT BELLES (GII)** (Entries taken Monday, April 29, race Friday, May 3) – Probable: **Bell's the One** (Neil Pessin), **Im Evin Im Leavin** (Greg Tracy), **Mother Mother** (Bob Baffert), **Queen of Beas** (Jorge Abreu) and **Take Charge Angel** (Ben Colebrook).

**\$250,000 TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GII)** (Entries taken Monday, April 29, race Friday, May 3) – Probable: **Angaston** (Lon Wiggins), **Bound for Nowhere** (Wesley Ward), **Eddie Haskell** (Mark Glatt), **Extravagant Kid** (Brendan Walsh), **Mr. Crow** (Ben Colebrook), **Will Call** (Brad Cox) and **World of Trouble** (Jason Servis).

**\$1 MILLION OLD FORESTER TURF CLASSIC (GI)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **Arklow** (Brad Cox), **Bricks and Mortar** (Chad Brown), **Divisidero** (Kelly Rubley), **March to the Arch** (Mark Casse), **Markitoff** (Mike Maker), **Multiplier** (Bill Mott), **Raging Bull (FR)** (Brown) and **Ticonderoga** (Brown).

**\$500,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS (GI)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **Bobby's Wicked One** (Al Stall Jr.), **Do Share** (Mike Maker), **Limousine Liberal** (Ben Colebrook), **Promises Fulfilled** (Dale Romans), **Recruiting Ready** (Stan Hough) and **Warrior's Club** (D. Wayne Lukas).

**\$500,000 HUMANA DISTAFF (GI)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **Amy's Challenge** (Mac Robertson), **Dream Tree** (Bob Baffert), **Marley's Freedom** (Bob Baffert), **Shamrock Rose** (Mark Casse) and **Talk Veuve to Me** (Rodolphe Brisset).

**\$400,000 AMERICAN TURF (GII)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **A Thread of Blue** (Kiaran McLaughlin), **Casa Creed** (Bill Mott), **Digital Age (IRE)** (Chad Brown), **Forever Kid** (Antonio Sano), **Henley's Joy** (Mike Maker), **Louder Than Bombs** (David Fawkes), **Marquee Prince** (Brad Cox), **Seismic Value** (Mott) and **Weekly Call** (Vickie Foley).

**\$400,000 LONGINES DISTAFF TURF MILE (GII)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **Beau Recall (IRE)** (Brad Cox), **Capla Temptress (IRE)** (Bill Mott), **Daddy Is A Legend** (George Weaver), **Environs (GB)** (Chad Brown), **Got Stormy** (Mark Casse), **Precieuse (IRE)** (Brown), **Raven's Lady (GB)** (James Cassidy), **Take These Chains** (Matt Hogan) and **Valedictorian** (Kelly Breen).

**\$400,000 PAT DAY MILE (GIII)** (Entries taken Tuesday, April 30, race Saturday, May 4) – Probable: **Dream Maker** (Mark Casse), **Frolic More** (Dallas Stewart), **Global Campaign** (Stan Hough), **Great Success** (Gustavo Delgado), **High Crime** (Darrin Miller), **Hog Creek Hustle** (Vickie Foley), **Lexitonian** (Jack Sisterson), **Manny Wah** (Wayne Catalano) and **Mr. Money** (Bret Calhoun).

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